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INFO AMEMBASSY LONDON

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TAGS: BEXP PFOR EG UK

SUBJECT: MINE CLEARANCE OF SUEZ CANAL

REF: STATE 32171

1. WHEN SEEING UK AMBASSADOR ADAMS TWO DAYS AGO, I MENTIONED TO HIM UNITED STATES NAVY/ARMY SURVEY TEAM DUE TO ARRIVE THIS WEEK. ADAMS, WHO IS CLEARLY MUCH INTERESTED IN BRITISH PARTICIPATION IN MINE CLEARANCE PROJECT AND HAS SO INDICATED TO LONDON, SAID HE THOUGHT HMG WILL ALSO SEND SURVEY TEAM. HE DID NOT KNOW WHEN IT MIGHT ARRIVE.

2. ADAMS THEN CLAIMED THAT SUEZ CANAL AUTHORITY HAS SOUNDED OUT BRITISH INFORMALLY RPT INFORMALLY ON WHETHER HMG WOULD BE WILLING HANDLE PROJECT JOINTLY WITH USG. SPECIFICALLY, BRITS WOULD DO ONE END OF CANAL AND ITS APPROACHES AND USG THE OTHER. ADAMS SAID HE THOUGHT HMG WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION IN PRINCIPLE TO SUCH JOINT OPERATION. I REMINDED ADAMS THAT, WHILE WE HAVE AGREED SEND SURVEY TEAM, WE HAVE MADE NO COMMITMENT TO GOE RE HANDLING THE OVERALL MINE CLEARANCE PROJECT.

3. MEANWHILE, WE UNDERSTAND EGYPTIAN MINE SWEEPER IS  
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ALREADY ENGAGED IN SWEEPING MINES FROM GULF OF SUEZ AREA.

MINPET HAS INSTRUCTED AMOCO TO PLAN TO RESUME OIL  
LIFTINGS FROM PORT OF RAS SHUKAIR SOMETIME BETWEEN MARCH  
1 AND 15. EGYPTIANS INDICATED A CHANNEL SHOULD BY THAT  
TIME HAVE BEEN OPENED THROUGH WHICH EGYPTIAN PILOTS COULD  
NAVIGATE TANKERS.  
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